

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Action Minutes for December 15, 2004

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica. There was a quorum.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
Committee Vice Chair: Susan Longville, San Bernardino

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim
Feinstein, Michael
Miller, Michael
Nowatka, Paul
O'Connor, Pam

Representing

Manhattan Beach
Santa Monica
West Covina
Torrance
Santa Monica

Members Absent

Bowlen, Paul
Cook, Debbie
Garcia, Leann
Longville, Susan
Ovitt, Gary

Representing

Cerritos
Huntington Beach
Grand Terrace
SANBAG Subregion
Ontario

New Members

None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of November 22, 2004

The Consent Calendar was approved without objection. Corrections were made to the minutes.

5.0 ACTION ITEM

5.1 Solid Waste Chapter

Brett Sears, Associate Regional Planner, presented the applicable SCAG policies related to Solid Waste, and led a discussion on potential implementation actions to be included in the chapter. The Task Force agreed on policy bases put forward for the Chapter, but identified the need for an additional policies regarding integrated waste management, nuclear power generating facilities, low level radioactive medical wastes, and the elimination of the use of nonrenewable resources.

The Task Force also contributed additional actions to be included in the chapter action plan. These included:

- Using conversion technology as a way to divert waste from landfills;
- Implementing a construction management ordinance to mandate construction waste recycling;
- Expanding the number of local and sub-regional governments with procurement policies that favor recyclable materials;
- Rewarding program implementation goals in place of strict numerical targets;
- Phasing out the use of hazardous materials;
- Integrating regional plans with the State solid waste plans; and
- Public awareness and education (“green teams”).

The Task Force took action, without objection, to report to the Energy and Environment Committee on issues to be included in the chapter, and identifying integrated waste management and the other regional policy deficiencies. The Task Force directed staff to complete a draft Chapter reflective of the issues discussed by the Task Force.

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6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Land Use and Housing Chapters

Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, reviewed the Task Force's discussion on Land Use and Housing issues from the November meeting, and discussed several items for Task Force consideration. The Task Force discussed a potential workshop to be held jointly with the Building Industry Association of Southern California early in 2005. In order to facilitate such a session, the Task Force discussed the need for a clear communication of SCAG's goals in land use planing, and the need for SCAG to chair the meeting and formulate the agenda. The Task Force instructed staff to continue planning this session, and to report back on the development of an action plan matrix.

6.2 Energy Chapter

Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, reported back on instruction given staff at the November meeting to estimate energy needs associated with SCAG's Growth Forecast. Staff reported that it is not feasible to determine energy need associated with growth over a long horizon, and that past efforts to do so have not been consistent with other studies, notably the California Energy Commissions forecast through 2013. The Task Force directed staff to complete a report to the Energy and Environment Committee on issues pertaining to the Energy Chapter, to identify a regional policy deficiency related to energy generation, and to report back to the Task Force when a draft of the Chapter reflecting Task Force discussions has been completed.

6.3 Outreach Activities/Program Calendar

Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, presented a review of scheduled and planned outreach activities and introduced the Task Force topic calendar for the remainder of the year. Staff encouraged the Committee to bring local staff, experts, and interested parties to subsequent meetings when topics of interest are scheduled.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

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8.0 STAFF REPORT

Nothing to report.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Task Force meeting will be on January 18, 2004, at 10 a.m.